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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Ethel Louise Brooks of East St. Louis, who passed away on June 6, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Ethel Brooks was born in Troy, Tennessee on April 6, 1932 to Bessie Suggest and Jennings Brooks; she was educated in the Union, Tennessee school system and moved to East St. Louis; she attended Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Springfield College, and Sangamon University; she married Robert Marshall Brooks; and

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WHEREAS, Ethel Brooks was employed with East St. Louis School District 189 and worked in local real estate, purchasing and maintaining several properties; she was a familiar face at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis, greeting and welcoming those who were visiting; she eventually began working as Executive Legislative Assistant to State Senator Kenneth Hall, Sr. and State Senator James Clayborne, Jr. for many years until her retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Ethel Brooks enjoyed reading, tending to her rose garden and flowers, lunches, ladies day outings, and spending time with children and her grandchildren; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ethel Brooks was preceded in death by both
2 grandparents; her parents; her husband, Robert; and her son,
3 Kevin Rene Brooks; and

4 WHEREAS, Ethel Brooks is survived by her son, Robert M.
5 Brooks, II "Bobby"; grandchildren, Jason (Christina) Brooks
6 and Nicholai and Ashlea Brooks; great-grandson, Dominic
7 Brooks; sister, Joan Davis; daughter-in-law, Marla (Roger)
8 Tolson; and a host of nieces, special friends, neighbors,
9 co-workers, and her church family; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Ethel Louise Brooks, and extend our sincere condolences to her
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Ethel Brooks as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.